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SUBJECT: FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment # 3

Dear Mr. Hartman and Mr. Krochalis:

Please amend the FY 2009 STIP by adding to the GARVEE Program, *KN New, Garwood to Sagle: Granite Stage, MP 449.8-453.0* and modifying the scope of *KN 09781, Garwood to Sagle, Sagle Design Stage*, in Bonner County.

- The Granite Stage is a breakout of *KN 09791 Garwood to Sagle, Athol Stage MP 445.0-451.3* currently in the FY 2009 approved STIP. Normally this would only be an administrative modification; however, the Granite Stage mileposts extend north of KN 09791. Breakout for this segment uses the Special Experimental Project (SEP)-15 for early development of final design and right-of-way acquisition. The Granite segment is along a single alignment and under SEP-15 is eligible to proceed with development and right-of-way acquisition that is planned in FY 2009. Construction is programmed for FY 2011 using future GARVEE funding with legislative approval.
- Sagle Design Stage was originally programmed to design and purchase right-of-way for that segment of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Its scope will change to a construction project to accomplish safety improvements. Savings from the scope change will be transferred to other projects along the corridor. There will be a name change for project to Sagle Safety Improvements

The requested project budget and scope revisions of the initial construction phases funded through the GARVEE Program are consistent with the corridor-wide EIS. The Idaho Transportation Board approved these changes in September. The changes were communicated to the public during outreach meetings held November 12 and 13 in Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint. No further public involvement is required

The Idaho Transportation Department certifies that the above project action was in accordance with all applicable requirements as described in Section 450.218 of the Statewide Planning Regulations, dated February 14, 2007. The STIP continues to be consistent with the Statewide Transportation Plan as approved by the Idaho Transportation Board in July 2004 and remains fiscally constrained.

Sincerely,

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Transportation Planning Administrator